

Decision Record for a Categorically Excluded Action

Introduction and Background

Tallgrass Pictures has requested a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) film permit in order to photograph models on public lands within Imperial County, California. Scheduled photo shoot of these scenes will be on Friday, November 20, 2015.

Tallgrass will be photographing models dressed in construction worker outfits on the designated BLM routes within the Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility (OWEF) boundaries utilizing the windmills as a backdrop.

The OWEF Facility Manager, Tony Welsh, has been contacted with a request for permission to film within the OWEF boundaries, and Tony has given his permission via email which is located in the case file.

Decision and Rationale

It is my decision to approve the proposed action as described in Categorical Exclusion (CX) number DOI-BLM-CA-D070-2016-0019. I find this action conforms to BLM (516 DM 11.9) Categorical Exclusions with no exceptions. I further find this action in conformance with applicable land use plans, laws and regulations and that it will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation.

Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Policies and Land Use Plans

This action conforms to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, 1980, as amended because it is specifically provided for or is clearly consistent with the Resource Management Plan objectives and decisions as follows:

The CDCA plan designated the lands as Class L. Class L is a limited use class. These lands are managed to protect sensitive, natural, scenic, ecological, and cultural resource values. They provide for generally lower-intensity, carefully controlled multiple uses that do not significantly diminish resource values.

Administrative Remedies

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs

must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 2800 Cottage Way, E-1712, Sacramento, CA 95825.

//Signed//

Thomas F. Zale
Field Manager

11/17/15

Date